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DISARMAMENT — THE WAR REDS ARE TRYING TO WIN

Moscow propagandists who are never very good at keeping a secret have tipped their hand as to what the Reds are really trying to gain through the present disarmament furor.

Throughout June, Moscow Radio and Communist press dispatches revealed that what Moscow is seeking above all is popular world support for their "peace" position. They want to be THE WORLD LEADER. They are after the peoples of Europe, Asia, Africa, the U.S. and Latin America, and they have latched onto the "peace offensive" as a means to this end.

On June 16, Moscow Radio cheered: "Each time our Communist Party achieves fresh successes in the struggle for the interests of peoples, its enemies react with a malicious and frenzied howl."

The broadcast continued: "This is what is happening now: the Soviet state is launching an active struggle for the easing of international tension, for a stable peace, and for disarmament, while the champions of the cold war and the enemies of peace are shouting."

"They [free world leaders] are scared by the amount of support which the Soviet foreign policy enjoys among the public of the world," the broadcast said.

Reds Appeal To Peoples — Not to Governments

From the moment the current disarmament campaign was launched, the Soviet appeal was directly to the peoples — not the governments — of the free world. The Western approach has been almost exclusively to the Government leaders.

V. Kuznetsov, head of the Soviet delegation to the UN, hit the keynote January 15: "From the viewpoint of the people's interests it is not permissible to carry through a policy designed to prepare war," he said. "It is imperative that all achievements of science and technology, all achievements of human genius, all material resources of the states and their productive forces are channeled toward peaceful ends."

V. A. Zorin, Soviet representative at the London Disarmament talks, added this economic note to disarmament on March 19: "We should no longer tolerate the continuing arms race and the unproductive military expenditures which complicate the development of the peacetime economy and lead to the worsening of the living conditions of the broad masses of the people."

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THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

On May 10, Soviet Foreign Minister A. A. Gromyko clearly drew the lines of political battle with his statements: "It is well known that the Soviet Government...consistently supports the need for banning atomic and hydrogen weapons completely and unconditionally. The Western powers, and the United States above all, stubbornly oppose banning these weapons."

Red Program Becoming Effective

There is growing evidence that these arguments are having public impact. They are being projected down to the grassroots level in every country of the free world by Moscow Radio; local Communist Parties, front groups such as World Peace Committee, and routine news reports in local newspaper, radio and television channels.

In the United States "2,000 scientists" signed a petition demanding the end to hydrogen bomb tests. Newspaper stories, at least one columnist, and even members of the Congress have intimated that the Soviet foreign policy on disarmament is the right one. The Soviet news agency "TASS" (June 18) quoted a U. S. Senator as saying: "every day more and more people join the voices of those people in all countries of the world who demand the cessation of tests of the suprapowerful hydrogen bomb."

Similar developments are taking place in neutralist countries which are swinging their support even farther toward Soviet world leadership.

Regardless what one thinks of the merits of banning H-bomb testing, it is now apparent that the world hue and cry to ban the tests has been stimulated — if not created — by a concentrated agitational effort of the world-wide Communist apparatus. Communists have very successfully created a world atmosphere in favor of restricting atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

Is this because the Communists want to stop bomb tests? There is little evidence so far that the Soviets are willing to make any substantial concession to reach agreement on an end to H-bomb tests. There is overwhelming evidence that they are gaining world support for Communist world leadership on the argument that the Soviet Union is for peace and for humanity, while the U. S. is for war preparation and the destruction of peoples.

Disarmament is really not a full-scale East-West war; it is a larger war — and one which the Reds are out to win. It is a war of world conquest which Reds think they can win by persuading peoples of the world that their Communist ideas about man, humanity, economics, science and culture are vastly superior to our ideas in the West. It sometimes seems this is a war into which the West puts little or no real effort.

HOW U.S. REDS HOPE TO GAIN GROUND IN COMING MONTHS

U. S. Communists are out to use your organization as a stepping stone to political power.

Whether yours is a women's club, fraternal or service organization, church or trade union, one or another of your local units will likely become a target for Red exploitation.

As outlined in the June, 1957 "Political Affairs," the Red targets will be local clubs and lodges, and shop units of unions far from the watchful eye of national headquarters.

The strategy is simple and deadly: jump into action on issues already projected by the local organizations as a cover for building political support and for recruiting Party members.

Typical Examples

Typical examples of what to expect are described by Dorothy Healey in a report made in April to the Southern California District Convention of the Party:

1) An important "women's movement" was started recently in a California community on the basis of a fight against a public eyesore. This movement was soon expanded to include "additional political activities."

2) A local lodge of a leading national fraternal organization has a program to eliminate prejudiced references to minorities in textbooks and to invite other organizations to take part in a mass conference to discuss action on community problems. Participation by Party members is encouraged.

3) A church group includes in its program of action the need to encourage white members to rent or sell property to minority peoples. Again, Party members are encouraged to rush in and take a leading role in promoting this issue.

Healey explains: "We start by trying to unite the members on issues already projected by their own organizations and continue by finding the way to unite that organization and its members with others."

Use Issues As Base for Communist Propaganda

She continues: "We learn from the masses by joining with them on the denominator of common issues. We teach the masses by showing the lessons to be learned from these specific struggles."

Skeptics may say: "If Communists want to help promote our club projects, why not? What's wrong with that?" The answer is that the Reds' purpose is not to improve garbage collection, remove a few words from textbooks, or get people to sell houses to minorities.

These are stepping stones toward drawing groups into an "anti-monopoly coalition" of labor, farmers, the Negro people, small businessmen and professionals. Its objective is to "weaken the political power of the ruling monopolies" by increasing government control of business, boosting taxes on higher income brackets, and nationalizing the atomic energy business.

And this is not the end of their plans. Once nationalization of industries has begun, Communism is on the way in; free enterprise, and with it, individual freedom are on the way out. In addition, a primary aim of the Reds in this activity is the sabotage of U. S. foreign policy and the promotion of Soviet arms for world conquest. The Communists hope to lead good Americans on from activity in non-political local issues, not merely to promoting the Communist position on national affairs, but to the Kremlin stand on international matters.

Aim to Dupe Organization Members

If this party strategy pans out, some people who start out to improve local conditions will end up attacking business; signing Communist "peace appeals," etc.; and ultimately joining the Party as a member under discipline.

The strategy is cleverly aimed at local units of reputable and patriotic organizations. Reds are depending for its success on lack of sound information in the hands of local leaders of such groups.

This suggests that efforts be made to carry information about Communist strategy and tactics from national headquarters to the leadership in every state and local unit throughout the country.

For if local leaders know what to look for, they can keep the Reds' hands off their projects and out of their issues. The only important weapon against this kind of strategy is knowledge. (Freedom's Facts carries this needed up-to-date information on Communist strategy and tactics every month. Subscription $3.00 per year.)

WHAT PRICE "FREEDOM OF SPEECH" IN RED CHINA?

The few brave Red Chinese who have been criticizing Party activities lately are now learning that freedom of speech is a one-way ticket to liquidation in Communist lands.

On June 5, for example, six "hard core rightists" were arrested. According to Red Chinese, their crime was that "during the recent high tide of the cheng feng campaign, they pasted up written slogans to wage their propaganda." The slogans criticized the Party.

On June 25, Mao Tse-tung went much farther. He announced new security regulations for Red China. Under the new directives, the Reds' peoples police "are to deal with counter-revolutionaries, to prevent any sabotage by other criminals, preserve public order and security, protect public properties, and the rights and legal interests of citizens, all within the framework of safeguarding the people's democratic system and insuring smooth implementation of Socialist construction." (Underlining added-Ed.)

In other words, the Red Chinese people's police have been directed to aid in smoking out and liquidating "enemies" of the "people's democratic system" and those whose criticism upsets the "smooth implementation of Socialist construction."

Reds Encouraged Criticism

This directive must come as a shock to those Red Chinese who took the current "cheng feng" campaign at face value. Mao Tse-tung opened the campaign with the generous words: "Let all flowers bloom and diverse schools of thought contend." The campaign, the apparent aim of which was to encourage criticism of the Party, has now developed openly into a maneuver to smoke out opponents of the Red regime, to isolate and liquidate them.

The Red Chinese newspaper, People's Daily (June 10) stated coldly: "unless they [rightists who criticize the Party] fundamentally change their attitude toward socialism, they will become utterly isolated, pitiable groups. In other words, they will be thrown from the trains of our time."

It may literally be the fate of some outspoken "rightists" to be "thrown from trains," but most likely they will be shunted off to do slave labor in Reds' corrective labor camps.

Truth is "Contraband" in Red China

The Reds' view of freedom of speech was summed by the Kwangming Daily (June 14). "Conscientious Chinese should tolerate them [rightists] in silence no longer. We should not permit them to sell contraband under the name of freedom of speech so as to undermine the interests of the people and socialism." (Underlining added-Ed.)

What really rankles Red bosses is that outspoken critics of Red tyranny have been gaining supporters during the few weeks of the "cheng feng" campaign. China Youth (June 14) reported that "rightists have recently spread their reactionary, erroneous views...in the name of 'blooming' and 'contending.' They want to win over a number of young students as their supporters....Some [youth] have wavered, others have compromised, and still others have capitulated to the rightists...."

Many people on the Red-ruled China mainland obviously are ready to join a movement which promises any chance of success in toppling the Red tyranny. The phony "freedom of speech" campaign is a well worn Red technique for exposing, isolating and liquidating opposition leaders.

In Communist lands, the price for real freedom of speech is liquidation. The only freedom Red subjects have is freedom to agree, freedom to obey, freedom to serve the tyrant's wishes just as slave-subjects have done in the many cruel tyrannies of history.

WHY SOVIET REDS DON'T WANT U. S. TV

Soviet Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev's interview over a U. S. TV network June 2 set off a flurry of excited speculation.

Was this the opening wedge to start a regular exchange of TV programs between the U. S. and U.S.S.R.? Would such an exchange benefit the U. S. or the Soviet Communists? What could the U. S. hope to gain from putting on a program for the relatively few TV receivers in the Soviet Union?

A tentative answer came from Radio Moscow, June 15: "We, the Soviet people, are not interested in listening to the anti-Soviet mouthings of Mr. Dulles or the reasonings of Admiral Radford or General Norstad...."

The kind of exchange the Reds want was fairly clearly stated by Khrushchev in his TV interview: "Let us live peacefully, let us develop our economy, let us compete, let us trade, exchange experience in industrial developments, in agriculture and in cultural achievements."

Nowhere did Khrushchev say, "Let us exchange ideas or political opinions." Nowhere did he say, "Let us debate issues before all the people in an open forum." And Communists are unlikely ever to say this to the U. S.

Reds Call "Truth"— "Rotten Goods"

V. M. Molotov, Former Soviet Foreign Minister, and still a top Red leader, said just the opposite at the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Geneva in November 1955. In reply to a plea for an end to Soviet censorship at that time, Molotov declared "We do not conceal, however, that the Soviet Union has not allowed and will not allow such 'free exchange of ideas' which would consist of free propaganda for war or misanthropic propaganda for atomic attack. Nor can we agree to such a 'freedom' which would let loose the subversive activities of all kinds of scum expelled by the peoples from the countries of socialism."

A more direct airing of the Communist point of view was given by Boris Kampov-Polevoy, an official of the Soviet Union of Writers in November 1955. When asked why the Reds jam U. S. radio broadcasts to the U.S.S.R., Polevoy said, "We jam them because we do not like to have rotten goods imported into our country."

Moscow Fears Uncensored News And Opinion

That is far from the real reason. Underlying Communists' rejection of uncensored programs from the U. S. is fear that American ideas might appeal to Soviet citizens and that these citizens might demand a quick end to the Soviets' collective tyranny.

How great that fear is can be seen in the tremendous efforts of the Soviet propaganda machine to persuade Soviet citizens to believe in Marxism-Leninism, support Party decisions and obey Government orders.

By the latest reliable count, the Soviet Reds have 130,000 professional propagandists and more than 2,000,000 professional agitators hammering Communist ideas into the heads of Soviet citizens every day.

Some 7,000 newspapers, hundreds of magazines, radio and TV receivers, are pounding away to convince the citizens that the Party Leadership is best for them — nowhere can they read, see or hear any substantial criticism of Party policies—nowhere can they express protests against mass deportations, slave labor camps, human injustice, or the high-handed way a Khrushchev can virtually wipe out their life savings, as he recently did.

A voice of truth is too dangerous to let loose inside the Soviet Union. Exchanges of farm, church, or scientific delegations are all right. Exchanges of musicians or other cultural groups are all right. But the clear voice of truth—Red leaders are scared to death of it.

Doesn't this suggest that we in the free world should step up every effort to project the clear voice of truth by radio, by TV, by book, by pamphlet, by every possible means inside the Iron Curtain?

AFRICA—NEW BATTLEGROUND IN THE COLD WAR

Africa is rapidly coming into focus as a major battleground in the East-West struggle.

Communist leaders as well as Western leaders were much in evidence recently when the new African state of Ghana celebrated its formation.

Since then Soviet publications such as the Party newspaper Pravda and the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star have been featuring articles on Africa.

Red Star (May 16) told Soviet military officers and men that the U. S. is now going all out to penetrate Africa on the theory that "Domination of Africa would mean domination of the whole world."

"What attracts the attention of the American monopolists in Africa is its enormous natural wealth," the Soviet military paper stated. "Today Africa accounts for 98 percent of the diamonds mined in the capitalist world, 80 percent of the cobalt, 56 percent of the gold, 38 percent of the chrome, 36 percent of the manganese, and 27 percent of the copper...Most of the uranium of the world is produced in Africa."

In addition, Red Star declared, "American generals are interested in the possibilities of using the people of Africa, who number 200 million, as gun fodder. The U. S. wishes to use Africa as a bridgehead to carry out her new military adventures."

Reds' "Liberation" Campaign Being Pushed

After whipping up Soviet military interest in Africa as a target for the Soviet Union as well as for the U. S., Red Star concluded: "Africa is intensifying the struggle for liberation" — which is the Reds' round-about way of saying that the Communist-sponsored "liberation" campaign in Africa is being pushed by Moscow as fast as possible.

Pravda (June 13) discloses that the Red campaign for Africa is underway in Europe as well as in Africa itself. After attacking European plans to set up closer links between the economies of Europe and Africa as "collective colonialism," the Soviet Party paper reports:

1. That the propaganda outlets of "Arab countries" (Egypt and Syria, which are now following the Moscow line almost to the letter) are agitating against the European-African link-up, and

2. that the "working classes [which means the Communist Parties and their allies] and the broad working masses of the countries of Western Europe...are taking a resolute stand against these imperialist projects."

In Africa, as in the Middle East, the Reds are primarily interested in gaining political control, and in denying raw materials and markets of the area to the West. Breaking down strong Western economies by cutting off raw materials and markets is the basic technique Lenin laid down for economic warfare against the West.

Freedom's Facts, June, 1954, reported a prediction by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois in the Daily Worker of April 26, 1954, that "one of the greatest battles of the modern world [is] now shaping up in Africa."

"It is more than the last battle of the West," DuBois wrote. "It is the third battle of the rising East." He said the Russian and Chinese revolutions were the first two battles of the East.

Now the struggle for the resources and for the loyalties of the people of Africa is being stepped up. The West's actions today may determine whether we lose Africa in coming years as we lost China in the 1940's.

MOSCOW YOUTH FESTIVAL—SUCCESS OR FAILURE

Several months ago a U. S. spokesman for the Sixth World Festival of Youth and Students claimed that between 600 and 700 American young people would attend the event opening July 28 in Moscow. At latest count fewer than 100 American youth will attend the Festival.

Much credit for this relatively small turnout goes to fraternal, youth, and church organizations affiliated with the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. These organizations rejected appeals—in one case from the Soviet Embassy in the U. S.—to spread Red propaganda about the Festival. Instead, they publicized the Festival as a Red device to exploit world youth to promote Communism.

Results of this action are reflected in a recent letter from a student to the newspaper editor at a University located in the northeastern part of the United States. The letter reads, in part:

"During the winter months we [two other students and the writer] noticed an advertisement of the International Youth Congress, which was to be held in Moscow this summer. It stated that students from all over the world would be welcome. We wrote for and obtained information; my friend applied and was subsequently accepted....

"He Thought It Over"

"Now that I have thought about the situation, its possible merits and consequences and their significance, I feel that I must not go to Russia.

"While the idea of a trip to Moscow is an inviting and intriquing one, the end point of such an adventure is unclear and could be an entirely negative one. The world situation is none too enviable, and since I am an American citizen, and justly proud and respectful of my heritage, I do not want to jeopardize my country, my community, or myself by putting myself in a vulnerable position where I could possibly be exploited by the Communists as a propaganda tool."

The Reds, of course, have not given up trying to seduce more American youth to attend the Festival. The most recent issue of USSR—published by the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Washington, D.C. —features a highly illustrated four-page article on the Festival, entitled "Gay Holiday of Youth."

Besides detailing the "gala events," the article stresses that Festival expenses "will not exceed two dollars a day. This sum includes lodging, meals and transportation within the Soviet Union."

"USSR" Appeals to Youth's Spirit of Adventure

The USSR article concludes: "Moscow will be gala indeed for this get-together of young people, its Festival Sun burning night and day to light up the balloons in the sky, emblazoned with the national emblems of the countries from which these young people are coming."

Despite the small turnout of American youth, it can be expected that the emblem of the U. S. will undoubtably be on one of these balloons when the Festival ends. Red propagandists will claim it was another big Communist success with 30,000 or more delegates from youth groups in 140 countries attending.

Freedom's Facts will make every effort possible to report the U. S. groups which the Reds will claim are represented at the Festival so that if claims are inaccurate—as is often the case with Red claims—proper action can be taken by affected groups.

The Reds will judge the real success or failure of the Moscow Youth Festival by the number of converts or fellow travelers it picks up among youth of the world as a result of the Festival. U. S. fraternal, church, youth, women's and other organizations are in a strong position to make sure the Festival ends as a complete failure so far as the U. S. is concerned.

Festival Interest Abroad

As a post-script: The failure of the Reds so far to get the number of U. S. youth they expected has turned Red propagandists to boasting about the high interest of Latin American and Arab youth in the Festival. Moscow Radio (May 18) reported that the Egyptian Festival "preparatory" committee was headed by the Egyptian Minister of Education, and that large delegations were expected from Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Libya, Yemen, Jordan and from Latin American countries, Chile, in particular.

More information about Red strategy and tactics is apparently needed among youth groups abroad.

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